

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, re-examination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 14-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to depend only upon claim 3. Claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 28 have been amended to specify that the metallocene compound is represented by the formulae in allowed claim 3. Claims 3, 8-10 and 20-29 are currently pending in this application.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 3 and 29 are allowed.

Claims 2, 8, 9, 20, 22, 23 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,469,188 to Miller et al. for reasons given in paragraph (3) of the Office Action. In addition, claims 10, 21, 24 and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Miller et al. '188 for reasons set forth in paragraph (4) of the Office Action.

Without admitting the propriety of these rejections, claim 2 has been canceled to expedite prosecution. Claims 8-10 and 20-28 are directly or indirectly dependent upon allowed claim 3. Claim 29 stands allowed. Accordingly, all remaining claims clearly are allowable.

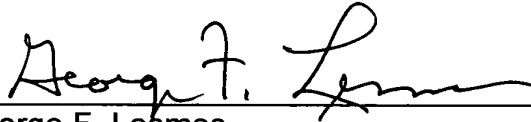
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 838-6683 at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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